

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Takaki NAKAMURA et al. Confirmation No.: 4748  
Serial No.: 10/736,630  
Filed: December 17, 2003  
For: DISTRIBUTED FILE SYSTEM  
Group: 2144  
Examiner: Thanh Nguyen

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 14, 2009

Sir:

On July 17, 2009, Examiner Thanh Nguyen initiated contact with Donna K. Mason, counsel to Applicants, to discuss the allowability of the claims.

Applicants' separate statement of substance of the interview follows:

Applicants thank the Examiner for initiating the telephonic interview conducted on July 17, 2009. In the interview, the Examiner proposed amending the claims to place the application in condition for allowance. Counsel to Applicants agreed to the Examiner's proposed amendments, and authorized the Examiner to amend the claims via an Examiner's Amendment.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of BRUNDIDGE & STANGER, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-4888 (referencing attorney docket no. 1213.43347X00).

Respectfully submitted,

BRUNDIDGE & STANGER, P.C.

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